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Archbishop says Nixon's doing fine

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LONG BEACH — The archbishop of the Los Angeles Roman Catholic diocese visited hospital patient Richard M. Nixon yesterday and said the former President "looked better than I've seen him in two years."

"He showed no sign of strain or illness," said Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Manning. "He said he was in no pain. I was amazed. He was in excellent spirits, very happy."

Manning said he and Msgr. Clement Connolly, secretary of the diocese, spent 10 minutes with Nixon in the former chief executive's sixth floor hospital room and delivered a prayer for the sick.

"He anticipates being out of the hospital very soon," Manning told a reporter outside the hospital. "The rest seems to be doing him fine."